

In the claims:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A flexible joint assembly for conducting a fluid, comprising:
  - a joint assembly inlet;
  - a joint assembly outlet; and
  - a fluid flow path between the inlet and the outlet, the fluid flow path including:
    - a first pivot joint;
    - a second pivot joint; and
    - a central fluid conductor fluidly coupling the pivot joints,  
wherein the pivot joints together provide greater than a 60° bend between  
the inlet and the outlet and each pivot joint independently provides greater than a  
35° bend in the fluid flow path.
2. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein each of the first pivot joint and second pivot joint independently comprises a ball and socket joint.
3. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 2 wherein each ball and socket joint comprises:
  - a socket;
  - a ball received in the socket; and
  - a seal between the ball to the socket.
4. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 3 wherein each ball and socket joint further comprises a compressing member axially compressing the seal between the ball and the socket.
5. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 4 wherein each compressing member comprises a retaining ring compressing the seal between the ball and the socket.
6. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein the central fluid conductor couples to a first ball of the first pivot joint and a second ball of the second pivot joint.
7. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein the first pivot joint and the second pivot joint together provide a substantially 90° bend between the inlet and the outlet.

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8. ( original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein the central fluid conductor is unitary.

9. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein the central fluid conductor is shorter than 10 centimeters.

10. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein the joint assembly inlet and the joint assembly outlet include a fitting.

11. (cancelled)

12. (original) The flexible joint assembly of claim 1 wherein each pivot joint independently provides greater than a 40° bend in the fluid flow path.

13. - 29. (cancelled).

30. - 40. (previously cancelled).